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1. GROUP OF 77 CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FINISH WORK
FEBRUARY 18. VARIOUS DELEGATES TO WHOM I TALKED AT
RECEPTION LAST NIGHT SAID THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON PRESENTATION AT LIMA OF THE PROGRAM WHICH GROUP HAD
ALREADY WORKED OUT AT VIENNA.THERE WILL BE SOME CHANGES,
BUT BASIC APPROACH OF EARLIER PROGRAM WILL BE FOLLOWED.

2. ON QUESTION FUTURE STATUS UNIDO, ALGERIANS HAD MOVED
FOR CONVERTING THAT ORGANIZATION INTO SPECIALIZED AGENCY
OF UN. THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT ON WHERE FUNDS TO FINANCE
IT WOULD COME FROM HOWEVER AND IT APPEARS CONFERENCE WILL
RECOMMEND INSTEAD A REORGANIZED UNIDO WITH MORE AUTONOMY
AND POWER.

3. AM TOLD THERE WILL BE LANGUAGE IN DOCUMENT
EMERGING FROM CONFERENCE WHICH WILL URGE CHANGES IN
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INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PROCEDURES IN ECONOMIC AND

COMMERCIAL DISPUTES. WE HAVE NO DETAILS HOWEVER. BRITISH AMBASSADOR SAYS CURRENT ALGERIAN AGITATION OVER THIS ISSUE RELATES DIRECTLY TO THEIR DISPUTE WITH TECHNIP, FRENCH COMPANY WHICH BUILT FIRST LIQUEFACTION PLANT AT SIKKDA, ONE UNIT OF WHICH HAS BEEN SHUT DOWN SINCE OCTOBER 1973. ALGERIANS HAD INSISTED ON PICKING ARBITER, WHO WAS GERMAN, AND HE HAD RULED SUBSTANTIALLY IN FAVOR OF TECHNIP. ALGERIANS HAD BEEN FURIOUS AND REFUSED ACCEPT HIS RECOMMENDATION. THEY WANT NEW SET OF RULES AND UMPIRES.

4. REGARDING QUESTION RAISED IN BOUMEDIENE'S SPEECH PARA 4 REFTEL ABOUT RESPONSIBILITIES OF GOVERNMENTS VIS-A-VIS FIRMS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION OPERATING ABROAD, UNDERSTAND ALGERIANS HAD IN MIND PRIMARILY FINANCING. THEY WANT MORE FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO GUARANTEE RISKS IN ORDER ENCOURAGE FIRMS OPERATE ABROAD WITH MORE FLEXIBILITY ON TERMS.PARKER

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